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LB 692, 1090, 1092, 1093

thank Senator Chambers for withdrawing on the \$1.07, because we may well have to make a more serious decision on that next year. We may well have to make a more serious decision on sales tax, income tax, or something else out of the box, if you want to use that term. But at this point, in this session, on the fifty-second day, fifty-third day, whatever, we need to make some decisions. And there are some other things that many of you want to do, and I understand that. But LB 1090 is critical, LB 1092 is critical, LB 1093 is critical. And we're going to go to LB 692 at 12:30. But what we have here in front of you will solve the budget problems till next year. And it does frame the seriousness of the problem that we're going to have: low-level nuclear waste lawsuit, and the huge gap that we have next year. And taking a note from what some of you have said, you are...there will be new information and new ideas perhaps, and some other things to come back. But at least we all know we're going to be going home, that we have a serious problem ahead of us to face. And when the time comes to solve it, we're going to have to solve it properly and adequately, and perhaps substantially, the word that Senator Chambers used quite a bit yesterday. We will have to probably solve it substantially. But at least it probably will be right. So I'd like to look at this at the positive side. We've examined all the corners. We know where most of the pitfalls are going to be. Just don't forget it between now and next year, because we will be back and have to solve it. And so I say, probably doing it partway is worse than doing nothing at this point. But at least we have the issue framed. And at least you can assess from your constituents this summer and fall where they would be, because I do believe the public recognizes that we're going to have to pay that low-level nuclear waste lawsuit. There is recognition out there that we're going have to do it. And so let the debate begin. And I was going to wait to say this till we closed, but I think it is important for those of you...we need to move on with LB 1090, and we badly need LB 1090. As I said, look at page 15. It's many transfers that are saving us from other problems if we would do this, and these are relatively painless for the times. So we need LB 1090, we need LB 1092. And I know there's going to be some debate on LB 1093. So I'd like to see us move it along. Thank you.